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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



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ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

OHCHR works for the protection of all human rights for all people. It helps empower individuals to realize their rights and assists those in positions of responsibility to protect and promote the human rights of everyone.

OHCHR gives priority to addressing the most pressing human rights problems, both acute and chronic, with particular emphasis on those human rights violations that put life in imminent peril. It devotes special attention for those who are at risk and vulnerable on multiple fronts, and places equal emphasis on civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights.

High Commissioner Louise Arbour of Canada heads OHCHR. She has been in office since July 2004. The post of High Commissioner for Human Rights was created in 1993.

OHCHR is present in over 40 countries. Headquartered in the historic 'Palais Wilson' in Geneva, Switzerland, the Office employs more than 600 staff worldwide.

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